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MEMORANDUM FOR: DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

SUBJECT : The United States Position Regarding the Balkan Pact

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2. Informal CIA inquiry addressed to the Secretary, Joint Chiefs of Staff, indicates that last year an official U.S. position was adopted with the approval of the Department of State. At that time the U.S. view favored the Balkan Entente, provided that no action taken within its framework be incompatible with the responsibilities of Greece and Turkey as NATO members or inconsistent with the planning of that organization. The question now raised, however, is whether the previous position can still be considered valid in the absence of review by the new Chiefs of Staff and the Department of State.

3. It is suggested that the problem be resolved in one of two ways:

a. The question can be raised informally by you at a meeting of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, pointing out the need for guidance [redacted] 25X1

b. The question could be formally presented to the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff in a memorandum.

4. Should you consider the second alternative appropriate, a draft memorandum for your signature is attached.

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FRANK G. WISNER
Deputy Director (Plans)

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MEMORANDUM FOR: ADMIRAL ARTHUR W. RADFORD
CHAIRMAN, JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF

SUBJECT: United States Position Regarding the Balkan Pact STAT

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2. Informal CIA inquiry addressed to the Secrdtary, Joint Chiefs of Staff, indicates that last year an official U. S. position was adopted with the approval of the Department of State. The U. S. position as then expressed favored the Balkan Pact, provided no action were taken within its framework which would be at variance with the responsibilities of Greece and Turkey as members of NATO, or inconsistent with NATO planning. The question now raised is whether that position can still be considered valid.

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Admiral Arthur W. Radford
The Chairman
Joint Chiefs of Staff

SUBJECT: The United States Position regarding the Balkan Pact

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3. This Agency, therefore, requests the views of the Joint Chiefs of Staff concerning the current U. S. position vis-a-vis the Balkan Pact.

C. P. CABELL
Lt. General, USAF
Deputy Director

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